

BUILDING APPROVALS - JANUARY, 1957.

The number of approvals issued for new dwellings during January, 1957, was 598, estimated to cost £1,481,800. This number was only 19 more than that for January, 1955, which was the lowest monthly total recorded since complete figures became available in 1947, and 4 below the number recorded in January, 1956. Additions and alterations to dwellings, valued at £154,000, were 25 per cent. above their total for January, 1956.

Approvals of new buildings other than dwellings, valued at £777,500, were 29 per cent. above the total for January, 1956, while additions and alterations to these buildings, valued at £154,900, were 24 per cent. higher than the corresponding figure for 1956.

The following table gives particulars of building operations approved in Queensland during the month of January, 1957.

Building Approvals, Queensland, January, 1957.

(Including Queensland Housing Commission, but excluding Other Governmental Operations.)

Local Authority.	Dwellings.				Other Buildings.				All Operations.
	New.		Additions, &c.		New.		Additions, &c.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
<u>Metropolitan-</u>									
City of Brisbane ..	268	726,411	255	84,079	50	421,550	68	74,651	1,306,691
<u>South-Eastern-</u>									
City of Bundaberg ..	12	22,266	16	2,303	3	35,135	2	385	60,089
Gympie ..	8	15,800	4	1,300	1	300	1	1,565	18,965
Ipswich ..	19	37,750	10	1,275	1	700	1	80	39,805
Maryborough ..	3	8,350	7	1,860	1	6,000	2	680	16,890
Town of Redcliffe ..	24	42,469	11	3,233	4	840	-	-	46,542
South Coast ..	33	85,345	13	3,995	18	80,745	2	2,550	172,635
Shires	52	113,627	40	8,792	14	66,577	16	8,033	197,029
<u>Total</u>	151	325,607	101	22,758	42	190,297	24	13,293	551,955
<u>Toowoomba & S. West-</u>									
City of Toowoomba ..	23	66,566	42	7,612	5	11,150	6	22,244	107,572
Warwick ..	2	6,188	2	370	-	-	1	2,973	9,531
Town of Charleville ..	5	13,967	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,967
Dalby ..	1	2,100	6	1,265	3	29,200	1	600	33,165
Goondiwindi ..	2	2,900	-	-	-	-	1	2,950	5,850
Roma ..	1	3,058	3	360	6	24,000	3	3,020	30,438
Shires	22	46,810	22	6,044	7	23,370	10	2,767	78,991
<u>Total</u>	56	141,589	75	15,651	21	87,720	22	34,554	279,514
<u>Central & Mackay-</u>									
City of Mackay ..	5	6,633	9	2,500	-	-	2	1,750	10,883
Rockhampton ..	23	54,311	15	2,890	1	1,890	3	1,218	60,309
Town of Gladstone ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shires	25	49,800	26	4,329	4	2,950	10	7,310	64,389
<u>Total</u>	51	110,744	50	9,719	5	4,840	15	10,278	135,581
<u>Northern-</u>									
City of Cairns ..	8	23,750	10	1,204	4	19,719	2	4,400	49,073
Charters Trs. ..	2	3,275	3	705	-	-	-	-	3,980
Townsville ..	10	26,820	29	4,812	3	5,150	3	1,243	38,025
Town of Bowen ..	1	2,000	4	260	-	-	1	300	2,560
Hughenden ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday Is. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shires	51	121,639	63	14,854	27	48,240	17	16,219	200,952
<u>Total</u>	72	177,484	109	21,835	34	73,109	23	22,162	294,590
<u>Total State</u> ..	598	1,481,835	590	154,042	152	777,516	152	154,938	2,568,331

Approvals during January, 1957, included 268 dwellings in Brisbane, which were 45 per cent. of the State total but were 26 per cent. below the number of Brisbane approvals for January, 1956. In the rest of the State, 330 dwellings, 38 per cent. more than for January, 1956, were approved. Outside Brisbane, the greatest numbers of approvals were issued in the Local Authority Areas of South Coast (33), Cloncurry (27), Redcliffe (24), Rockhampton (23), and Toowoomba (23).

Approvals for all work other than dwellings in January, 1957, totalled £932,500, or 28 per cent. above the total for January, 1956. Brisbane's total of £496,200 accounted for 53 per cent., while high figures were recorded in Town of South Coast (£83,300), Bundaberg (£35,500), and Toowoomba (£33,400).

The next table shows monthly totals for the whole State from January, 1956, to January, 1957.

Building Approvals, Queensland.

(Including Queensland Housing Commission, but excluding Other Governmental Operations.)

Month.	Dwellings.				Other Buildings.				All Operations.
	New.		Additions and Alterations.		New.		Additions and Alterations.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
1956.									
January ..	602	1,424,031	491	123,678	100	604,449	93	124,859	2,277,017
February	659	1,540,861	674	179,751	145	886,013	181	291,581	2,898,206
March ..	641	1,462,134	701	189,287	177	1,201,422	178	172,797	3,025,640
April ..	948	2,748,377	709	185,681	139	761,486	167	182,295	3,877,839
May ..	743	1,787,273	819	223,266	147	1,072,843	215	265,417	3,348,799
June ..	1,058	2,872,034	711	198,385	197	1,092,249	191	338,083	4,500,751
July ..	710	1,710,074	765	217,256	177	1,114,232	193	211,543	3,253,105
August ..	720	1,737,492	831	230,294	210	1,175,103	207	214,249	3,357,138
September	728	1,694,585	756	252,458	173	1,148,063	199	224,305	3,319,411
October ..	874	2,092,620	802	253,970	216	1,848,407	211	254,908	4,449,905
November	938	2,332,919	786	226,888	201	1,138,600	199	210,557	3,908,964
December	979	2,909,755	617	154,686	183	811,487	118	129,759	4,005,687
1957.									
January ..	598	1,481,835	590	154,042	152	777,516	152	154,938	2,568,331

Of the total value of all approvals issued during January, 1957 (£2,568,300), work on dwellings represented 63.7 per cent. (new dwellings 57.7 per cent., and additions and alterations 6.0 per cent.), while work on buildings other than dwellings was 36.3 per cent.

The average estimated costs per dwelling approved in January, 1957, were Brisbane, £2,710; other Cities and Towns, £2,353; and all Shires, £2,213. These averages were all higher than the corresponding figures for December, 1956.

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